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Nowhere in this prize essay, in my judgment, can any fair interpretation discover a purpose to claim, or a statement to the effect, that Robert E. Lee was a traitor in any odious sense. It is an axiom of interpretation, that it is fundamentally unfair and productive of wrong conclusions to judge of any literary production by detached sentences taken from 14, and even more unjust and confusing to cut in twain the sentences thus detached. Yet this is precisely what has been done in the case of Miss Boyson's paper. The entire paragraph in which occurs the detached sentence from which the statement has gone abroad that Dr. Smith and I indersed a paper stigmatizing General Lee as a traitor.

which the statement has gone abroad that Dr. Smith and I indorsed a paper stigmatizing General Lee as a traitor is as follows:

"This was the position that Lee took. He loved the Union, for which he had fought; but when the Union became an invading army, he must act. He realized that his decision would probably draw many Southerners into the conflict; that his Arlington would become a camping ground of the enemy; that his loyalty would be questioned; but the soil of Virginia called him, and to that call there could be but one answer. The slave system with which he thus took sides was vastly different from the general institution of the South. In Virginia that order still retained some of its patriarchal character, it was dignified and not material. It I owned the 4,000,000 slaves of the South, he writes, 'I would giadly sacrifice them to the Union, but how can I draw the sword on Virginia, my native State?" (Outlook, Vol. LXXXIV., page 955.)

gladly sacrifice them to the Union, but how can I draw the sword on Virginia, my native State? (Outlook, Vol. LXXXIV., page 955.)

"Personally Lee had everything to gain by any other decision. He was the most prominent man in the Federal army; he had already been offered the command of its forces. (See Trent's Robert E. Lee, 'Chronology of Lee's Life': also Long's Memoirs of R. E. Lee,' page 91.) But to him duty was the sublimest word in the language, and so he threw himself of R. E. Lee, page 91.) But to him duty was the sublimest word in the language, and so he threw himself and all he had—his home, his fortune, his chances of personal advancement—into a desperate cause. He was a traitor in that he sacrificed all to aid the enemies of his country, 'but so were George Washington and John Hampden and William of Orange.' (C. F. Adams, in a speech, 'Shall Cromwell Have a Statue?') But things which are technically of the highest eriminality may at times be of the least digrace. To do now what he did their would be treason, for the Civil War has since then taught what is right in this regard. But the matter of secession has purposely been left topen by the framers of the Constitution, and in the minds of many sincere peeple both North and South it was still a question. (age 16, Hosmer's "The Appeal to Arms.' American National Series.) The real issue was not cross—the spirit of the supremental statements of the supremental still a question. (age 16, Hosmer's "The Appeal to Arms.' American National Series.) The real issue was not cross—the spirit of the supremental statements of the supremental statements. people of the South were densely ignorably the State in victory or defeat. Judged from this standpoint, the willingness to sacrifice anything but honor, Lee and the South he represented constitute the real patriotic riches of the nation. (Outlook, Vol. LXXIV., page 648.) The tragedy of the situation lay in the fact that there were patriots on both sides, and the seatenest of the wir as the best. Before long to the war as the best. Before long we shall come to think of Lee as the English have come to think of Lee as the English the English have come to think of Lee as the English have come to think of Lee as the English have come to think of Lee as the English have come to think of Lee as the English have come to think of Lee as the English have come to think of Lee as the English have come to think of Lee as the English have come to think of Lee as the English have come to think of Lee as the English have come to think of Lee as the English have come to think of Lee

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"This we of the North have come to believe, and in such a recognition of human greatness the land is moved forward into the light of a happier day." "Men who, like Charles Sumner, place Lee in the catalogue of those whose cause hears the 'primal eldest curse, a brother's murder,' and handed him over to the 'avenging pen of history,' have been succeeded by men in his own State (Massachusetts) who have voted a monument to his memory."

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F. Adams, in a speech, 'Shall Cromwell Have a Statue?') But things which are technically of the highest criminality may at times be of the least disgrace. To do now what he did then, would be treason, for the Clvil War has since then taught what the cluster the proved him some Clvil War has since then taught what things of a seer." 'It (a monument in some cliff the Confed-war in the C not intoxicated by glory, not crushed by defeat, unspoiled by praise and suc-cess—the spirit of Robert E. Lee."

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CARSON, NEV., February 4.—The
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of its reference to President Roosevelt,
came up in the Senate to-day and was
referred to the Judiciary Committee.
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Taft Tells Canal Workers Not to Worry
About Lies.

PANAMA, February 4.—William H.
Taft made an address to-day to a large
gathering of canal employes and memburs of the Istimian Red Cross Soclety. He said that the present condition of the work and the progress
made were a source of the greatest
satisfaction to him, and that the engineers who accompanied him had been
impressed with the organization and
the spirit of energy prevailing
throughout the entire force.

He spoke favorably of the great
amount of work done every day, and
he then cautioned his hearers against
worrying about lying reports and criticisms in the United States by irrosponsible writers. The American peopie were going to build the canal,
Air, Taft said. Congress knew the
temper of the people, and the appropriators would be ample to complete

temper of the beopie, and the appro-priations would be ample to complete the canal by 1915, if not before. Mr. Taft to-day viewed the nine miles of the Culebra cut from the hills ar Empire, while the engineers of his party inspected the channel leading into the Pacific entrance of the canal.

SUPPLIES INFORMATION

General Advance on Freight Commodi-General Advance on Freight Commodi-ties, Some Passenger Decreases.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 4.—
In reply to an inquiry from the House
the Interstate Commerce Commission
to-day supplied that body with a state-ment regarding increases in freight
rates since the passage of the Hepburn
act.

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